

**JOINT DECLARATION OF COOPERATION
IN THE FIELD OF MASS TRANSIT
BETWEEN
THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION
OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND
THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, BUILDING AND HOUSING
OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
(BUNDESMINISTERIUM FÜR VERKEHR, BAU- UND WOHNUNGSWESEN)**

I. PURPOSE

This Declaration is intended to provide the framework for cooperation in the field of mass transit between the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) of the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Ministry of Transport, Building and Housing (Bundesministerium für Verkehr, Bau- und Wohnungswesen - BMVBW) of the Federal Republic of Germany.

II. COOPERATIVE FRAMEWORK

Recalling the long-standing cooperative relationship between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany in the area of transportation, particularly urban transportation, embodied in the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Cooperation on the Development of Advanced Ground Transportation, signed at Bonn June 12, 1973, as amended, and the Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Cooperation in the Field of Transportation, signed at Washington September 3, 1975;

Desiring to coordinate, as much as possible, developments by the two countries in the field of mass transit;

Acknowledging a mutual interest in the exchange of national information concerning mass transit development; and

Recognizing an advantage in undertaking certain new programs jointly or in coordinating work on programs already in progress;

Both sides intend to cooperate as hereinafter set forth.

A. Both sides, either directly or through their designated representatives, intend to maintain regular contact to:

- exchange information as well as discuss and compare FTA and BMVBW initiatives leading to innovations in mass transit services;
- arrange, where feasible, the mutual exchange of experts for studies, conferences, seminars, training, and visits to mass transit facilities in both countries;
- coordinate the dissemination of mass transit operations and research data and innovations undertaken by other organizations within their respective countries;
- as appropriate, combine their work and resources or coordinate investigation into mass transit issues; and
- consult each other on the organization of joint activities.

B. Joint activities should be performed preferably by different task groups to be composed of representatives of the administration, of mass transit operators, of industry, of research institutes, or other interested partners. Each task group should have a precise assignment defined by both sides.

C. The designated administrative coordinators are:

For FTA: The Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration

For BMVBW: Der Leiter der Grundsatzabteilung (Head of Policy Principles
Directorate-General)

D. Meetings may be arranged as deemed necessary.

These meetings should be held alternately in the United States and in Germany at mutually agreed times.

IV. AREAS OF COOPERATION

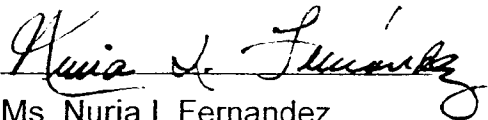
Both sides intend to promote joint activities within, but not limited to, the following areas of mutual interest in the field of mass transit:

- Economics, finance, and institutional framework:
 - Economic and financial analyses of new major capital investments
 - Patronage studies and forecasts (ridership studies and forecasts)
 - Ways and means of improving operating revenues in mass transit
 - Role of private sector in operating mass transit and financing investments in mass transit
 - Institutional structures
 - Financing
 - Marketing
 - Track and rolling stock maintenance procedures
- Innovations and new technologies:
 - Telematics applications
 - Fully automated mass transit systems
 - Automatic fare collection systems
 - Telecommunications and signaling
 - Integrated Management Information Systems
 - Standards and regulations

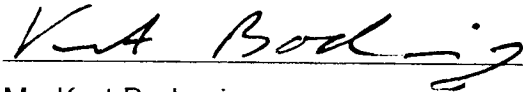
- Environment:
 - Environmental impact studies
 - Urban travel schemes
 - Clean vehicles
 - Energy conservation

- Safety and Security:
 - Grade Crossing Protection
 - Railroad Track Sharing
 - Computer System Security
 - Driver Assistance Systems

Signed at Berlin, Germany, in duplicate, this 28th day of March, 2000, in the English and German languages, both texts being equally authentic.



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